



Message for International Education Week 2010

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On behalf of Towson University, I congratulate Secretary Arne Duncan and the U.S. Department of Education and Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton and the U.S. Department of State on their committed efforts in promoting the importance of international education and sustainability in this age of globalization with an event such as the 11th Annual International Education Week.

At Towson University we also value diversity and are committed to fostering a climate that is grounded in respect and inclusion, enriches the educational experience of students, supports positive workplace environments, promotes excellence, and cultivates the intellectual and personal growth of the entire University community.

Towson University began celebrating International Education Week in 2007 with five events organized by our Study Abroad Office, but since then have tripled our program offerings with participation from more than ten departments across campus. Towson University International Education Week events offer something for everyone including speakers, video conferencing with students abroad, training workshops, movie screenings, internationally themed games, specialized dining menus, passport fairs, and more. This campus wide collaboration and commitment demonstrates our dedication to promote greater cultural understanding as well as our desire to encourage our students to continue “Thinking Outside,” our University mantra.

I extend my appreciation and support to the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of State in this joint endeavor, and wish you continued success for International Education Week 2010.